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1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM FONOFF DISARMAMENT DEPT OFFICIAL
THAT, PRIOR TO AMBASSADOR JOHNSON'S NOV 12 SALT PRE-
SENTATION AT NATO, SOME EUROPEAN ALLIED DEL OFFICIALS

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INFORMED FRENCH NATO DEL THAT FRENCH PARTICIPATION IN

PETRIGNANI GROUP MEETING ON MARGINS OF U.S. BRIEFING
WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. OUR SOURCE SAID FRENCH REP
THANKED COLLEAGUES FOR INVITATION BUT SAID THIS WOULD
NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. WE ARE TOLD THAT POSSIBLE FUTURE FRENCH PARTICIPATION
IN EUROPEAN SALT CONSULTATIONS ALSO WAS DISCUSSED AT
THE BRIEF NOV 12 PETRIGNANI GROUP MEETING. THERE
REPORTEDLY WAS BROAD FEELING THAT, DESPITE
INITIAL NEGATIVE REACTION, FRENCH MOVE TOWARD PETRIGNANI
GROUP COULD CORRESPOND WITH OSTENSIBLE WISH OF PARIS TO
INTENSIFY THOSE FORMS OF EUROPEAN DEFENSE CONSULTATIONS
AND COOPERATION CLEARLY ON THE MARGINS OF RATHER THAN
DIRECTLY INTEGRATED INTO NATO.
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